

ABSTRACTINDEXING METHOD AND APPARATUS

- 5 An indexing apparatus and method are described for use in
identifying portions of data in a database for comparison
with a query. In an embodiment, the index includes a key
which comprises a sequence of phoneme classifications
derived from the input query by classifying each of the
10 phonemes in the input query with a number of phoneme
classes, with the phonemes in each class being defined as
those that are confusable with the other phonemes in the
same class.